



SENATE BILL 612

1 **SECTION 51.** 6.55 (2) (c) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

2 6.55 (2) (c) 1. As an alternative to registration at the polling place under pars.

3 (a) and (b), the board of election commissioners, or the governing body of any
4 municipality may by resolution require a person who qualifies as an elector and who
5 is not registered and desires to register on the day of an election to do so at another
6 readily accessible location in the same building as the polling place serving the
7 elector's residence or at an alternate polling place assigned under s. 5.25 (5) (b),
8 instead of at the polling place serving the elector's residence. In such case, the
9 municipal clerk shall prominently post a notice of the registration location at the
10 polling place. ~~The municipal clerk, deputy clerk or special registration deputy at the~~
11 ~~registration location shall require such person to execute~~ The elector who desires to
12 register shall execute a registration form as prescribed under par. (a) and ~~to provide~~
13 acceptable proof of residence as provided under sub. (7) ~~s. 6.34~~. If the elector cannot
14 provide acceptable proof of residence, the information contained in the registration
15 form shall be corroborated in the manner provided in par. (b). If the elector is
16 registering to vote in the general election and the elector presents a valid driver's
17 license issued by another state, the municipal clerk, deputy clerk, or special
18 registration deputy shall record on a separate list the name and address of the
19 elector, the name of the state, and the license number and expiration date of the
20 license. The signing by the elector executing the registration form and by any
21 corroborator shall be in the presence of the municipal clerk, deputy clerk or special
22 registration deputy. The municipal clerk, the deputy clerk, or the special registration
23 deputy shall then print his or her name and sign the form, indicating that the clerk,
24 deputy clerk, or deputy has accepted the form. Upon proper completion of
25 registration, the municipal clerk, deputy clerk or special registration deputy shall

SENATE BILL 612**SECTION 51**

1 serially number the registration and give one copy to the elector for presentation at
2 the polling place serving the elector's residence or an alternate polling place assigned
3 under s. 5.25 (5) (b).

4 **SECTION 52.** 6.55 (2) (cs) of the statutes is created to read:

5 6.55 (2) (cs) The board shall provide to each municipal clerk a list prepared for
6 use at each polling place showing the name and address of each person whose name
7 appears on the list provided by the department of corrections under s. 301.03 (20) as
8 ineligible to vote on the date of the election, whose address is located in the area
9 served by that polling place, and whose name does not appear on the poll list for that
10 polling place. Prior to permitting an elector to register to vote under this subsection
11 or s. 6.86 (3) (a) 2., the inspectors or special registration deputies shall review the list.
12 If the name of an elector who wishes to register to vote appears on the list, the
13 inspectors or special registration deputies shall inform the elector or the elector's
14 agent that the elector is ineligible to register to vote. If the elector or the elector's
15 agent maintains that the elector is eligible to vote in the election, the inspectors or
16 special registration deputies shall permit the elector to register but shall mark the
17 elector's registration form as "ineligible to vote per Department of Corrections." If
18 the elector wishes to vote, the inspectors shall require the elector to vote by ballot and
19 shall challenge the ballot as provided in s. 6.79 (2) (dm).

20 **SECTION 53.** 6.55 (3) of the statutes is renumbered 6.55 (3) (a) and amended to
21 read:

22 6.55 (3) (a) Any qualified elector in the ward or election district where the
23 elector desires to vote whose name does not appear on the registration list but who
24 claims to be registered to vote in the election may request permission to vote at the
25 polling place for that ward or election district. When the request is made, the

SENATE BILL 612

1 inspector shall require the person to give his or her name and address. If the elector
2 is not at the polling place which serves the ward or election district where the elector
3 resides, the inspector shall provide the elector with directions to the correct polling
4 place. If the elector is at the correct polling place, the elector shall ~~then execute the~~
5 ~~following written statement: "I, ..., hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge,~~
6 ~~I am a qualified elector, having resided at ... for at least 10 days immediately~~
7 ~~preceding this election, and that I am not disqualified on any ground from voting, and~~
8 ~~I have not voted at this election and am properly registered to vote in this election."~~
9 ~~The person shall be required to provide acceptable proof of residence as provided~~
10 ~~under sub. (7) and shall then be given the right to vote. If the elector cannot provide~~
11 ~~acceptable proof of residence, the statement shall be certified by the elector and shall~~
12 ~~be corroborated in a statement that is signed by any other elector who resides in the~~
13 ~~municipality and that contains the current street address of the corroborating~~
14 ~~elector. The corroborator shall then provide acceptable proof of residence as provided~~
15 ~~in sub. (7). Whenever the question of identity or residence cannot be satisfactorily~~
16 ~~resolved and the elector cannot be permitted to vote, an inspector shall telephone the~~
17 ~~office of the municipal clerk to reconcile the records at the polling place with those~~
18 ~~at the office complete registration as provided in sub. (2).~~

19 **SECTION 54.** 6.55 (3) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

20 6.55 (3) (b) Prior to permitting an elector to vote under this subsection, the
21 inspectors shall review the list provided by the board under sub. (2) (cs). If the name
22 of the elector appears on the list, the inspectors shall inform the elector that he or
23 she is ineligible to vote at the election. If the elector maintains that he or she is
24 eligible to vote in the election, the inspectors shall permit the elector to vote, but shall

SENATE BILL 612**SECTION 54**

1 require the elector to vote by ballot, and shall challenge the ballot as provided in s.
2 6.79 (2) (dm).

3 **SECTION 55.** 6.55 (7) of the statutes is repealed.

4 **SECTION 56.** 6.56 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 6.56 (1) The list containing the names of persons voting under ss. 6.29 and 6.55
6 (2) ~~and (3)~~ shall be returned together with all forms and certificates to the municipal
7 clerk.

8 **SECTION 57.** 6.56 (2) of the statutes is repealed.

9 **SECTION 58.** 6.56 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 6.56 (3) Upon receipt of the list under sub. (1), the municipal clerk or board of
11 election commissioners shall make an audit of all electors registering to vote at the
12 polling place or other registration location under s. 6.55 (2) and all electors
13 registering by agent on election day under s. 6.86 (3) (a) 2. unless the clerk or board
14 of election commissioners receives notice from the board under sub. (7) that the board
15 will perform the audit. The audit shall be made by 1st class postcard. The postcard
16 shall be marked in accordance with postal regulations to ensure that it will be
17 returned to the clerk ~~or~~, board of election commissioners, or elections board if the
18 elector does not reside at the address given on the postcard. If any postcard is
19 returned undelivered, or if the clerk ~~or~~, board of election commissioners, or elections
20 board is informed of a different address than the one specified by the elector which
21 was apparently improper on the day of the election, the clerk ~~or~~, board of election
22 commissioners, or elections board shall change the status of the elector from eligible
23 to ineligible on the registration list ~~and~~, mail the elector a notice of the change in
24 status, and provide the name of the elector to the district attorney for the county
25 where the polling place is located.

SENATE BILL 612

1 **SECTION 59.** 6.56 (3m) of the statutes is created to read:

2 **6.56 (3m)** As soon as possible after all information relating to registrations
3 after the close of registration for an election is entered on the registration list
4 following the election under s. 6.33 (5) (a), the board shall compare the list of new
5 registrants whose names do not appear on the poll lists for the election because the
6 names were added after the board certified the poll lists for use at the election with
7 the list containing the names transmitted to the board by the department of
8 corrections under s. 301.03 (20) as of election day. If the board finds that the name
9 of any person whose name appears on the list transmitted under s. 301.03 (20) has
10 been added to the registration list, the board shall enter on the list the information
11 transmitted to the board under s. 301.03 (20) and shall notify the district attorney
12 that the person appears to have voted illegally at the election.

13 **SECTION 60.** 6.56 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 **6.56 (4)** After each election, the municipal clerk shall ~~carefully check~~ perform
15 an audit to assure that no person has been allowed to vote more than once. Whenever
16 the municipal clerk has good reason to believe that a person has voted more than once
17 in an election, the clerk shall send the person a 1st class letter marked in accordance
18 with postal regulations to ensure that it will be returned to the clerk if the elector
19 does not reside at the address given on the letter. The letter shall inform the person
20 that all registrations relating to that person may be changed from eligible to
21 ineligible status within 7 days unless the person contacts the office of the clerk to
22 clarify the matter. A copy of the letter and of any subsequent information received
23 from or about the addressee shall be sent to the district attorney.

24 **SECTION 61.** 6.56 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

SENATE BILL 612

SECTION 61

1 6.56 (5) Whenever any letter or postcard mailed under this section is returned
2 undelivered, or whenever the U.S. postal service notifies the clerk of an improper
3 address which was apparently improper on the day of the election or whenever it
4 otherwise appears that a person has voted who is not qualified or has voted more
5 than once in an election, and the person has been permitted to vote after
6 corroboration was made under s. 6.55 (2) ~~or (3)~~ or 6.86 (3) (a) 2., the name of the
7 corroborator shall also be provided to the district attorney.

8 **SECTION 62.** 6.56 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

9 6.56 (7) The board may elect to perform the duties of municipal clerks to
10 conduct the audits required under subs. (3) and (4) for any election on behalf of all
11 municipalities in the state. If the board so elects, the board shall, no later than the
12 date of the election for which the audits will be performed, notify the municipal clerk
13 of each municipality that the board will perform the audits.

14 **SECTION 63.** 6.79 (2) (d) of the statutes, as affected by 2003 Wisconsin Act 265,
15 section 96, is amended to read:

16 6.79 (2) (d) The poll list indicates that ~~identification~~ proof of residence under
17 s. 6.34 is required, the officials shall require the elector to provide ~~identification~~ proof
18 of residence. If ~~identification~~ proof of residence is provided, the officials shall verify
19 that the name and address on the ~~identification~~ document submitted as proof of
20 residence provided is the same as the name and address shown on the registration
21 list. If ~~identification~~ proof of residence is required and not provided, the officials shall
22 offer the opportunity for the elector to vote under s. 6.97.

23 **SECTION 64.** 6.79 (2) (dm) of the statutes is created to read:

24 6.79 (2) (dm) If the poll list indicates that the elector is ineligible to vote because
25 the elector's name appears on the current list provided by the department of

SENATE BILL 612

1 corrections under s. 301.03 (20), the inspectors shall inform the elector of this fact.
2 If the elector maintains that he or she is eligible to vote in the election, the inspectors
3 shall provide the elector with a ballot and, after the elector casts his or her vote, shall
4 challenge the ballot as provided in s. 6.92 and treat the ballot in the manner provided
5 in s. 6.95.

6 **SECTION 65.** 6.79 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 6.79 (4) SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION. When any elector provides acceptable
8 proof of residence under s. 6.15, 6.29 or 6.55 (2) ~~or (3)~~, the election officials shall enter
9 the type of identifying document provided on the poll list, or separate list maintained
10 under sub. (2) (c). If the document submitted as proof of identity or residence
11 includes a number which applies only to the individual holding that document, the
12 election officials shall also enter that number on the list. When any elector
13 corroborates the registration identity or residence of any person offering to vote
14 under s. 6.55 (2) (b) or (c) ~~or (3)~~, or the registration identity or residence of any person
15 registering on election day under s. 6.86 (3) (a) 2., the election officials shall also enter
16 the name and address of the corroborator next to the name of the elector whose
17 information is being corroborated on the poll list, or the separate list maintained
18 under sub. (2) (c). When any person offering to vote has been challenged and taken
19 the oath, following the person's name on the poll list, the officials shall enter the word
20 "Sworn".

21 **SECTION 66.** 6.82 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 6.82 (1) (a) When any inspectors are informed that an elector is at the entrance
23 to the polling place who as a result of disability is unable to enter the polling place,
24 they shall permit the elector to be assisted in marking a ballot by any individual
25 selected by the elector, except the elector's employer or an agent of that employer or

SENATE BILL 612**SECTION 66**

1 an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the elector. The
2 individual selected by the elector shall provide ~~identification~~ proof of residence under
3 s. 6.34 for the assisted elector, whenever required, and all other information
4 necessary for the elector to obtain a ballot under s. 6.79 (2). The inspectors shall issue
5 a ballot to the individual selected by the elector and shall accompany the individual
6 to the polling place entrance where the assistance is to be given. If the ballot is a
7 paper ballot, the assisting individual shall fold the ballot after the ballot is marked
8 by the assisting individual. The assisting individual shall then immediately take the
9 ballot into the polling place and give the ballot to an inspector. The inspector shall
10 distinctly announce that he or she has “a ballot offered by (stating person’s name),
11 an elector who, as a result of disability, is unable to enter the polling place without
12 assistance”. The inspector shall then ask, “Does anyone object to the reception of this
13 ballot?” If no objection is made, the inspectors shall record the elector’s name under
14 s. 6.79 and deposit the ballot in the ballot box, and shall make a notation on the poll
15 list: “Ballot received at poll entrance”.

16 **SECTION 67.** 6.855 of the statutes is created to read:

17 **6.855 Alternate absentee ballot site.** (1) The governing body of a
18 municipality may elect to designate a site other than the office of the municipal clerk
19 or board of election commissioners as the location from which electors of the
20 municipality may request and vote absentee ballots and to which voted absentee
21 ballots shall be returned by electors for any election. The designated site shall be
22 located as near as practicable to the office of the municipal clerk or board of election
23 commissioners and no site may be designated that affords an advantage to any
24 political party. An election by a governing body to designate an alternate site under
25 this section shall be made no fewer than 14 days prior to the time that absentee

SENATE BILL 612

1 ballots are available for the primary under s. 7.15 (1) (cm), if a primary is scheduled
2 to be held, or at least 14 days prior to the time that absentee ballots are available for
3 the election under s. 7.15 (1) (cm), if a primary is not scheduled to be held, and shall
4 remain in effect until at least the day after the election. If the governing body of a
5 municipality makes an election under this section, no function related to voting and
6 return of absentee ballots that is to be conducted at the alternate site may be
7 conducted in the office of the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners.

8 (2) The municipal clerk or board of election commissioners shall prominently
9 display a notice of the designation of the alternate site selected under sub. (1) in the
10 office of the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners beginning on the date
11 that the site is designated under sub. (1) and continuing through the period that
12 absentee ballots are available for the election and for any primary under s. 7.15 (1)
13 (cm). If the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners maintains a Web site
14 on the Internet, the clerk or board of election commissioners shall post a notice of the
15 designation of the alternate site selected under sub. (1) on the Web site during the
16 same period that notice is displayed in the office of the clerk or board of election
17 commissioners.

18 (3) An alternate site under sub. (1) shall be staffed by the municipal clerk or
19 the executive director of the board of election commissioners, or employees of the
20 clerk or the board of election commissioners.

21 (4) An alternate site under sub. (1) shall be accessible to all individuals with
22 disabilities.

23 **SECTION 68.** 6.86 (1) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 6.86 (1) (a) (intro.) Any elector, qualifying who is registered to vote whenever
25 required and who qualifies under ss. 6.20 and 6.85 as an absent elector, may make

SENATE BILL 612

SECTION 68

1 written application to the municipal clerk for an official ballot by one of the following
2 methods:

3 **SECTION 69.** 6.86 (1) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

4 6.86 (1) (a) 2. In person at the office of the municipal clerk or at an alternate
5 site under s. 6.855, if applicable.

6 **SECTION 70.** 6.86 (1) (a) 6. of the statutes is created to read:

7 6.86 (1) (a) 6. By electronic mail or facsimile transmission as provided in par
8 (ac).

9 **SECTION 71.** 6.86 (1) (ac) of the statutes is created to read:

10 6.86 (1) (ac) Any elector qualifying under par. (a) may make written application
11 to the municipal clerk for an official ballot by means of facsimile transmission or
12 electronic mail. Any application under this paragraph shall contain a copy of the
13 applicant's original signature. An elector requesting a ballot under this paragraph
14 shall return with the voted ballot a copy of the request bearing an original signature
15 of the elector as provided in s. 6.87 (4).

16 **SECTION 72.** 6.86 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 6.86 (1) (b) Except as provided in this section, if application is made ~~in writing~~
18 by mail, the application, signed by the elector, shall be received no later than 5 p.m.
19 on the Friday 5th day immediately preceding the election. If application is made in
20 person, the application shall be made no later than 5 p.m. on the day preceding the
21 election. If the elector is making written application and the application indicates
22 that the reason for requesting an absentee ballot is that the elector is a sequestered
23 juror, the application shall be received no later than 5 p.m. on election day. If the
24 application is received after 5 p.m. on the Friday immediately preceding the election,
25 the municipal clerk or the clerk's agent shall immediately take the ballot to the court

✓
INS.
AA3-9

SENATE BILL 612

1 in which the elector is serving as a juror and deposit it with the judge. The judge shall
2 recess court, as soon as convenient, and give the elector the ballot. The judge shall
3 then witness the voting procedure as provided in s. 6.87 and shall deliver the ballot
4 to the clerk or agent of the clerk who shall deliver it to the polling place or, in
5 municipalities where absentee ballots are canvassed under s. 7.52, to the municipal
6 clerk as required in s. 6.88. If application is made under sub. (2), the application may
7 be received no later than 5 p.m. on the Friday immediately preceding the election.

8 **SECTION 73.** 6.86 (1) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

9 6.86 (1) (c) If an application is made by mail by a military elector, as defined
10 in s. 6.22 (1) (b), the application shall be received no later than 5 p.m. on the Friday
11 immediately preceding the election.

12 **SECTION 74.** 6.86 (3) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

13 6.86 (3) (a) 2. If a hospitalized elector is not registered, the elector may register
14 by agent under this subdivision at the same time that the elector applies for an
15 official ballot by agent under subd. 1. To register the elector under this subdivision,
16 the agent shall present a completed registration form that contains the required
17 information supplied by the elector and the elector's signature, unless the elector is
18 unable to sign due to physical disability. In this case, the elector may authorize
19 another elector to sign on his or her behalf. Any elector signing a form on another
20 elector's behalf shall attest to a statement that the application is made on request
21 and by authorization of the named elector, who is unable to sign the form due to
22 physical disability. The agent shall present this statement along with all other
23 information required under this subdivision. Except as otherwise provided in this
24 subdivision, the agent shall in every case provide acceptable proof of the elector's
25 residence under s. 6.55 (7) 6.34. If the elector is registering to vote in the general

SENATE BILL 612

SECTION 74

1 election and the agent presents a valid driver's license issued to the elector by
2 another state, the municipal clerk shall record on a separate list the name and
3 address of the elector, the name of the state, and the license number and expiration
4 date of the license. If the agent cannot present this proof of residence, the
5 registration form shall be signed and substantiated by another elector residing in the
6 elector's municipality of residence, corroborating the information in the form. The
7 form shall contain the full name and address of the corroborating elector. The agent
8 shall then present ~~acceptable~~ proof of the corroborating elector's residence under s.
9 ~~6.55 (7)~~ 6.34.

10 **SECTION 75.** 6.86 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 6.86 (3) (c) An application under par. (a) 1. may be made and a registration form
12 under par. (a) 2. may be filed in person at the office of the municipal clerk not earlier
13 than 7 days before an election and not later than 5 p.m. on the day of the election.
14 A list of hospitalized electors applying for ballots under par. (a) 1. shall be made by
15 the municipal clerk and used to check that the electors vote only once, and by
16 absentee ballot. If ~~identification is required~~ the elector is registering for the election
17 after the close of registration or if the elector registered by mail and has not voted
18 in an election in this state, the municipal clerk shall ~~so~~ inform the agent that proof
19 of residence under s. 6.34 is required and the elector shall ~~enclose identification proof~~
20 of residence under s. 6.34 in the envelope with the ballot. The ballot shall be sealed
21 by the elector and returned to the municipal clerk either by mail or by personal
22 delivery of the agent; but if the ballot is returned on the day of the election, the agent
23 shall make personal delivery ~~at to~~ the polling place serving the hospitalized elector's
24 residence before the closing hour ~~for the ballot to be counted or, in municipalities~~

SENATE BILL 612

1 where absentee ballots are canvassed under s. 7.52, to the municipal clerk no later
2 than 8 p.m. on election day.

3 **SECTION 76.** 6.865 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 6.865 (1) In this section, "military elector" and "overseas elector" have the
5 meanings given under s. 6.36 (2) (e) 6.34 (1). ✓

6 **SECTION 77.** 6.865 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 ~~6.865 (3) If the elector making a timely request for an absentee ballot is a~~
8 ~~military elector or an overseas elector and the elector requests that he or she be sent~~
9 an absentee ballot for the next 2 general elections, the municipal clerk or board of
10 election commissioners shall comply with the request except that no ballot shall be
11 sent for a succeeding general election if the elector's name appeared on the
12 registration list for a previous general election and no longer appears on the
13 registration list for the succeeding general election. If the elector's address for the
14 succeeding general election is in a municipality that is different from the
15 municipality in which the elector resided for the first general election, the clerk or
16 board of election commissioners shall forward the request to the clerk or board of
17 election commissioners of the municipality where the elector resides.

18 ~~**SECTION 78.** 6.865 (3m) of the statutes is created to read:~~

19 ~~6.865 (3m) If the elector making a timely request for an absentee ballot is a~~
20 ~~military elector, as defined in s. 6.34 (1), the request shall be treated as provided~~
21 ~~under s. 6.22 (4).~~ ✓

22 **SECTION 79.** 6.87 (2) (form) of the statutes is amended to read: ✓

23 6.87 (2) (form)

24 [STATE OF]

25 County of]

INSERT
AA3-10

INSERT AA3-11

SENATE BILL 612

SECTION 79

1 or

2 [(name of foreign country and city or other jurisdictional unit)]

3 I, ..., certify subject to the penalties of s. 12.60 (1) (b), Wis. Stats., for false
4 statements, that I am a resident of the [... ward of the] (town) (village) of ..., or of
5 the ... aldermanic district in the city of ..., residing at ...* in said city, the county
6 of ..., state of Wisconsin, and am entitled to vote in the (ward) (election district) at
7 the election to be held on ...; that I am not voting at any other location in this election;
8 that I am unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place in the (ward) (election
9 district) on election day or have changed my residence within the state from one ward
10 or election district to another within 10 days before the election. I certify that I
11 exhibited the enclosed ballot unmarked to the witness, that I then in (his) (her)
12 presence and in the presence of no other person marked the ballot and enclosed and
13 sealed the same in this envelope in such a manner that no one but myself and any
14 person rendering assistance under s. 6.87 (5), Wis. Stats., if I requested assistance,
15 could know how I voted.

16 Signed

17 Identification serial number, if any:

18 The witness shall execute the following:

19 I, the undersigned witness, subject to the penalties of s. 12.60 (1) (b), Wis.
20 Stats., for false statements, certify that I am an adult U.S. citizen and that the above
21 statements are true and the voting procedure was executed as there stated. I am not
22 a candidate for any office on the enclosed ballot (except in the case of an incumbent
23 municipal clerk). I did not solicit or advise the elector to vote for or against any
24 candidate or measure.

25(Name)

SENATE BILL 612

....(Address)**

* — An elector who provides an identification serial number issued under s. 6.47 (3), Wis. Stats., need not provide a street address.

** — If this form is executed before 2 special voting deputies under s. 6.875 (6), Wis. Stats., both deputies shall witness and sign.

SECTION 80. 6.87 (3) (a) and (b) of the statutes are amended to read:

6.87 (3) (a) Except as authorized under par. (d) and as otherwise provided in s. 6.875, the municipal clerk shall mail the absentee ballot ~~postage prepaid for return~~ to the elector's residence unless otherwise directed by the elector, or shall deliver it to the elector personally at the clerk's office or at an alternate site under s. 6.855. If the ballot is mailed, and the ballot qualifies for mailing free of postage under federal free postage laws, the clerk shall affix the appropriate legend required by U.S. postal regulations. Otherwise, the clerk shall pay the postage required for return when the ballot is mailed from within the United States. If the ballot is not mailed by the absentee elector from within the United States, the absentee elector shall provide return postage. If the ballot is delivered to the elector at the clerk's office, or an alternate site under s. 6.855, the ballot shall be voted at the office or alternate site and may not be removed by the elector therefrom.

(b) No elector may direct that a ballot be sent to the address of a candidate, political party or other registrant under s. 11.05 unless the elector permanently or temporarily resides at that address. Upon receipt of reliable information that an address given by an elector is not eligible to receive ballots under this ~~paragraph~~ subsection, the municipal clerk shall refrain from ~~sending mailing or transmitting~~ ballots to that address. Whenever possible, the municipal clerk shall notify an

SENATE BILL 612

SECTION 80

1 elector if his or her ballot cannot be mailed or transmitted to the address directed by
2 the elector.

3 **SECTION 81.** 6.87 (3) (c) of the statutes is repealed.

4 **SECTION 82.** 6.87 (3) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 6.87 (3) (d) A municipal clerk ~~of a municipality~~ may, if the clerk is reliably
6 informed by an absent elector of a facsimile transmission number or electronic mail
7 address where the elector can receive an absentee ballot, transmit a facsimile or
8 electronic copy of the absent elector's ballot to that elector in lieu of mailing under
9 this subsection if, in the judgment of the clerk, the time required to send the ballot
10 through the mail may not be sufficient to enable return of the ballot by the time
11 provided under sub. (6). An elector may receive an absentee ballot under this
12 subsection only if the elector has filed a valid application for the ballot under sub. ~~s.~~
13 6.86 (1). If the clerk transmits an absentee ballot under this paragraph, the clerk
14 shall also transmit a facsimile or electronic copy of the text of the material that
15 appears on the certificate envelope prescribed in sub. (2), together with instructions
16 prescribed by the board. The instructions shall require the absent elector to make
17 and subscribe to the certification as required under sub. (4) and to enclose the
18 absentee ballot in a separate envelope contained within a larger envelope, that shall
19 include the completed certificate. The elector shall then affix sufficient postage
20 unless the absentee ballot qualifies for mailing free of postage under federal free
21 postage laws and shall mail the absentee ballot ~~with postage prepaid~~ to the
22 municipal clerk. Except as authorized in s. 6.97 (2), an absentee ballot received
23 under this paragraph shall not be counted unless it is cast in the manner prescribed
24 in this paragraph and in accordance with the instructions provided by the board.

SENATE BILL 612

1 **SECTION 83.** 6.87 (4) of the statutes, as affected by 2003 Wisconsin Act 265,
2 section 112a, is amended to read:

3 6.87 (4) Except as otherwise provided in s. 6.875, the elector voting absentee
4 shall make and subscribe to the certification before one witness who is an adult U.S.
5 citizen. The absent elector, in the presence of the witness, shall mark the ballot in
6 a manner that will not disclose how the elector's vote is cast. The elector shall then,
7 still in the presence of the witness, fold the ballots so each is separate and so that the
8 elector conceals the markings thereon and deposit them in the proper envelope. If
9 a consolidated ballot under s. 5.655 is used, the elector shall fold the ballot so that
10 the elector conceals the markings thereon and deposit the ballot in the proper
11 envelope. ~~If the elector has registered by mail and has not, or is not certain whether~~
12 ~~the elector has, previously voted in an election for national office in this state~~ proof
13 of residence is required, the elector shall enclose ~~identification~~ proof of residence
14 under s. 6.34 in the envelope. ~~Identification~~ Proof of residence is required if the
15 elector is not a military elector or an overseas elector, as defined in s. ~~6.36 (2) (e)~~ 6.34
16 (1), and the elector registered by mail and has not voted in an election ~~for national~~
17 ~~office~~ in this state. If the elector requested a ballot by means of facsimile
18 transmission or electronic mail under s. 6.86 (1) (ac), the elector shall enclose in the
19 envelope a copy of the request which bears an original signature of the elector. The
20 elector may receive assistance under sub. (5). The return envelope shall then be
21 sealed. The witness may not be a candidate. The envelope shall be mailed by the
22 elector, ~~postage prepaid~~, or delivered in person, to the municipal clerk issuing the
23 ballot or ballots. If the envelope is mailed from a location outside the United States,
24 the elector shall affix sufficient postage unless the ballot qualifies for delivery free
25 of postage under federal law. Failure to return an unused ballot in a primary does

SENATE BILL 612

SECTION 83

1 not invalidate the ballot on which the elector's votes are cast. Return of more than
2 one marked ballot in a primary or return of a ballot prepared under s. 5.655 or a ballot
3 used with an electronic voting system in a primary which is marked for candidates
4 of more than one party invalidates all votes cast by the elector for candidates in the
5 primary.

6 SECTION 84. 6.87 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 6.87 (6) The Except as provided in s. 6.22 (5m), the ballot shall be returned so
8 it is received by the municipal clerk in time for delivery no later than 8 p.m. on
9 election day. Except in municipalities where absentee ballots are canvassed under
10 s. 7.52, if the municipal clerk receives an absentee ballot on election day, the clerk
11 shall secure the ballot and cause the ballot to be delivered to the polls polling place
12 serving the elector's residence before the closing hour. Any Except as provided in s.
13 6.22 (5m), any ballot not mailed or delivered as provided in this subsection may not
14 be counted.

15 SECTION 85. 6.87 (9) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 6.87 (9) If a municipal clerk receives an absentee ballot with an improperly
17 completed certificate or with no certificate, the clerk may return the ballot to the
18 elector, inside the sealed envelope when an envelope is received, together with a new
19 envelope if necessary, whenever time permits the elector to correct the defect and
20 return the ballot within the period prescribed in authorized under sub. (6).

21 SECTION 86. 6.875 (4) and (6) of the statutes are amended to read:

22 6.875 (4) For the purpose of absentee voting in nursing homes and qualified
23 retirement homes and qualified community-based residential facilities, the
24 municipal clerk or board of election commissioners of each municipality in which one
25 or more nursing homes or qualified retirement homes or qualified community-based

INS.
AA3-12

INS.
AA3-13

INS.
AA6-3

SENATE BILL 612

INS-
AA6-4

1 residential facilities are located shall appoint at least 2 special voting deputies for
2 the municipality. Upon application under s. 6.86 (1) ~~or (2)~~ by one or more qualified
3 electors who are occupants of such a nursing home or qualified retirement home or
4 qualified community-based residential facility, the clerk or board of election
5 commissioners shall dispatch 2 special voting deputies to visit the home or qualified
6 community-based residential facility for the purpose of supervising absentee voting
7 procedure by occupants of the home or qualified community-based residential
8 facility. The clerk shall maintain a list, available to the public upon request, of each
9 nursing home or qualified retirement home or qualified community-based
10 residential facility where an elector has requested an absentee ballot. The list shall
11 include the date and time the deputies intend to visit each home or facility. The 2
12 deputies designated to visit each nursing home or qualified retirement home and
13 qualified community-based residential facility shall be affiliated with different
14 political parties whenever deputies representing different parties are available.
15 Nominations for deputy positions may be submitted by the 2 recognized political
16 parties whose candidates for governor or president received the greatest numbers of
17 votes in the municipality at the most recent general election. The deputies shall be
18 specially appointed to carry out duties under this section for the period specified in
19 s. 7.30 (6) (a). The clerk or board of election commissioners may revoke an
20 appointment at any time. No individual who is employed or retained, or within the
21 2 years preceding appointment has been employed or retained at a nursing home or
22 qualified retirement home or qualified community-based residential facility in the
23 municipality, or any member of the immediate family of such an individual as defined
24 in s. 19.42 (7), may be appointed to serve as a deputy.

SENATE BILL 612**SECTION 86**

1 (6) Special voting deputies in each municipality shall, not later than 5 p.m. on
2 the Friday preceding an election, arrange one or more convenient times with the
3 administrator of each nursing home, qualified retirement home, and qualified
4 community-based residential facility in the municipality from which one or more
5 occupants have filed an application under s. 6.86 to conduct absentee voting for the
6 election. The time may be no earlier than the 4th Monday preceding the election and
7 no later than 5 p.m. on the Monday preceding the election. Upon request of a relative
8 of an occupant of a nursing home or qualified retirement home or qualified
9 community-based residential facility, the administrator may notify the relative of
10 the time or times at which special voting deputies will conduct absentee voting at the
11 home or facility, and permit the relative to be present in the room where the voting
12 is conducted. The municipal clerk shall post a notice at the home or facility
13 indicating the date and time that absentee voting will take place at that home or
14 facility. The notice shall be posted as soon as practicable after arranging the visit but
15 in no case less than 24 hours before the visit. At the designated time, 2 deputies
16 appointed under sub. (4) shall visit the home or facility. The municipal clerk or
17 executive director of the board of election commissioners shall issue a supply of
18 absentee ballots to the deputies sufficient to provide for the number of valid
19 applications received by the clerk, and a reasonable additional number of ballots.
20 The deputies may exercise the authority granted to the chief inspector under s. 7.41
21 to regulate the conduct of observers for purposes of the application of s. 7.41, the
22 home or facility shall be treated as a polling place. The municipal clerk or executive
23 director shall keep a careful record of all ballots issued to the deputies and shall
24 require the deputies to return every ballot issued to them. The deputies shall
25 personally offer each elector who has filed a proper application the opportunity to

SENATE BILL 612

1 cast his or her absentee ballot. If an elector is present who has not filed a proper
2 application, the 2 deputies may accept an application from the elector and shall issue
3 a ballot to the elector if the elector is qualified and the application is proper. The
4 deputies shall each witness the certification and may, upon request of the elector,
5 assist the elector in marking the elector's ballot. Upon request of the elector, a
6 relative of the elector who is present in the room may assist the elector in marking
7 the elector's ballot. All voting shall be conducted in the presence of the deputies. No
8 individual other than a deputy may witness the certification and no individual other
9 than a deputy or relative of an elector may render voting assistance to the elector.
10 Upon completion of the voting, the deputies shall promptly deliver, either personally
11 or by 1st class mail, any absentee ballot applications and the sealed certificate
12 envelope containing each ballot to the clerk or board of election commissioners of the
13 municipality in which the elector casting the ballot resides, within such time as will
14 permit delivery to the polling place serving the elector's residence on election day.
15 Personal delivery may be made by the deputies no later than noon on election day.
16 If a qualified elector is not able to cast his or her ballot on 2 separate visits by the
17 deputies to the home or facility, they shall so inform the municipal clerk or executive
18 director of the board of election commissioners, who may then send the ballot to the
19 elector no later than 5 p.m. on the Friday preceding the election.

20 **SECTION 87.** 6.875 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

21 6.875 (7) One observer from each of the 2 recognized political parties whose
22 candidate for governor or president received the greatest number of votes in the
23 municipality at the most recent general election may accompany the deputies to each
24 home or facility where absentee voting will take place under this section. The
25 observers may observe the process of absentee ballot distribution in the common

SENATE BILL 612**SECTION 87**

1 areas of the home or facility. Each party wishing to have an observer present shall
2 submit the name of the observer to the clerk or board of election commissioners no
3 later than the close of business on the last business day prior to the visit.

4 **SECTION 88.** 6.88 (1) to (3) of the statutes are amended to read:

5 6.88 (1) When an absentee ballot arrives at the office of the municipal clerk,
6 or at an alternate site under s. 6.855, if applicable, the clerk shall enclose it,
7 unopened, in a carrier envelope which shall be securely sealed and endorsed with the
8 name and official title of the clerk, and the words "This envelope contains the ballot
9 of an absent elector and must be opened in the same room where votes are being cast
10 at the polls during polling hours on election day or, in municipalities where absentee
11 ballots are canvassed under s. 7.52, stats., at a meeting of the municipal board of
12 absentee ballot canvassers under s. 7.52, stats.". If the ballot was received by the
13 elector by facsimile transmission or electronic mail and is accompanied by a separate
14 certificate, the clerk shall enclose the ballot in a certificate envelope and securely
15 append the completed certificate to the outside of the envelope before enclosing the
16 ballot in the carrier envelope. The clerk shall keep the ballot in the clerk's office or
17 at the alternate site, if applicable until delivered, as required in sub. (2).

18 (2) When an absentee ballot is received by the municipal clerk prior to the
19 delivery of the official ballots to the election officials of the ward in which the elector
20 resides or, where absentee ballots are canvassed under s. 7.52, to the municipal board
21 of absentee ballot canvassers, the municipal clerk shall seal the ballot envelope in
22 the carrier envelope as provided under sub. (1), and shall enclose the envelope in a
23 package and deliver the package to the election inspectors of the proper ward or
24 election district or, in municipalities where absentee ballots are canvassed under s.
25 7.52, to the municipal board of absentee ballot canvassers when it convenes under

SENATE BILL 612

1 s. 7.52 (1). When the official ballots for the ward or election district have been
2 delivered to the election officials inspectors before the receipt of an absentee ballot,
3 the clerk shall immediately enclose the envelope containing the absentee ballot in
4 a carrier envelope as provided under sub. (1) and deliver it in person to the proper
5 election officials.

6 (3) (a) Any Except in municipalities where absentee ballots are canvassed
7 under s. 7.52, at any time between the opening and closing of the polls on election day,
8 the inspectors shall, in the same room where votes are being cast, in such a manner
9 that members of the public can hear and see the procedures, open the carrier
10 envelope only, and announce the name of the absent elector or the identification
11 serial number of the absent elector if the elector has a confidential listing under s.
12 6.47 (2). When the inspectors find that the certification has been properly executed,
13 the applicant is a qualified elector of the ward or election district, and the applicant
14 has not voted in the election, they shall enter an indication on the poll list next to the
15 applicant's name indicating an absentee ballot is cast by the elector. They shall then
16 open the envelope containing the ballot in a manner so as not to deface or destroy the
17 certification thereon. The inspectors shall take out the ballot without unfolding it
18 or permitting it to be unfolded or examined. Unless the ballot is cast under s. 6.95,
19 the inspectors shall verify that the ballot has been endorsed by the issuing clerk. If
20 the poll list indicates that identification proof of residence under s. 6.34 is required
21 and no identification proof of residence is enclosed or the name or address on the
22 document that is provided is not the same as the name and address shown on the poll
23 list, the inspectors shall proceed as provided under s. 6.97 (2). The inspectors shall
24 then deposit the ballot into the proper ballot box and enter the absent elector's name

SENATE BILL 612**SECTION 88**

1 or voting number after his or her name on the poll list in the same manner as if the
2 elector had been present and voted in person.

3 (b) When the inspectors find that a certification is insufficient, that the
4 applicant is not a qualified elector in the ward or election district, that the ballot
5 envelope is open or has been opened and resealed, that the ballot envelope contains
6 more than one ballot of any one kind or, except in municipalities where absentee
7 ballots are canvassed under s. 7.52, that the certificate of an elector who received an
8 absentee ballot by facsimile transmission or electronic mail is missing, or if proof is
9 submitted to the inspectors that an elector voting an absentee ballot has since died,
10 the inspectors shall not count the ballot. The inspectors shall endorse every ballot
11 not counted on the back, “rejected (giving the reason)”. The inspectors shall reinsert
12 each rejected ballot into the certificate envelope in which it was delivered and enclose
13 the certificate envelopes and ballots, and securely seal the ballots and envelopes in
14 an envelope marked for rejected absentee ballots. The inspectors shall endorse the
15 envelope, “rejected ballots” with a statement of the ward or election district and date
16 of the election, signed by the chief inspector and one of the inspectors representing
17 each of the 2 major political parties and returned to the municipal clerk in the same
18 manner as official ballots voted at the election.

19 **SECTION 89.** 6.88 (3) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

20 6.88 (3) (c) The inspectors shall review each certificate envelope to determine
21 whether any absentee ballot is cast by an elector whose name appears on the poll list
22 as ineligible to vote at the election by reason of a felony conviction. If the inspectors
23 receive an absentee ballot that has been cast by an elector whose name appears on
24 the poll list as ineligible for that reason, the inspectors shall challenge the ballot as
25 provided in s. 6.92 and treat the ballot in the manner provided in s. 6.95.

SENATE BILL 612

1 **SECTION 90.** 6.93 of the statutes is amended to read:

2 **6.93 Challenging the absent elector.** The vote of any absent elector may be
3 challenged for cause and the inspectors of election shall have all the power and
4 authority given them to hear and determine the legality of the ballot the same as if
5 the ballot had been voted in person. In municipalities where absentee ballots are
6 canvassed under s. 7.52, the vote of an absentee elector may be challenged as
7 provided in s. 7.52 (5).

8 **SECTION 91.** 6.935 of the statutes is amended to read:

9 **6.935 Challenge based on incompetency.** Section 6.03 (3) applies to any
10 challenge of a person's right to vote under s. 6.92, 6.925 ~~or~~, 6.93, or 7.52 (5) based on
11 an allegation that an elector is incapable of understanding the objective of the
12 elective process and thereby ineligible to vote.

13 **SECTION 92.** 6.97 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 **6.97 (1)** Whenever any individual who is required to provide identification
15 proof of residence under s. 6.34 in order to be permitted to vote appears to vote at a
16 polling place and cannot provide the required ~~identification~~ proof of residence, the
17 inspectors shall offer the opportunity for the individual to vote under this section.
18 If the individual wishes to vote, the inspectors shall provide the elector with an
19 envelope marked "Ballot under s. 6.97, stats." on which the serial number of the
20 elector is entered and shall require the individual to execute on the envelope a
21 written affirmation stating that the individual is a qualified elector of the ward or
22 election district where he or she offers to vote and is eligible to vote in the election.
23 The inspectors shall, before giving the elector a ballot, write on the back of the ballot
24 the serial number of the individual corresponding to the number kept at the election
25 on the poll list or other list maintained under s. 6.79 and the notation "s. 6.97". If

SENATE BILL 612**SECTION 92**

1 voting machines are used in the municipality where the individual is voting, the
2 individual's vote may be received only upon an absentee ballot furnished by the
3 municipal clerk which shall have the corresponding number from the poll list or
4 other list maintained under s. 6.79 and the notation "s. 6.97" written on the back of
5 the ballot by the inspectors before the ballot is given to the elector. When receiving
6 the individual's ballot, the inspectors shall provide the individual with written
7 voting information prescribed by the board under s. 7.08 (8). The inspectors shall
8 indicate on the list the fact that the individual is required to provide ~~identification~~
9 proof of residence but did not do so. The inspectors shall notify the individual that
10 he or she may provide ~~identification~~ proof of residence to the municipal clerk or
11 executive director of the municipal board of election commissioners. The inspectors
12 shall also promptly notify the municipal clerk or executive director of the name,
13 address, and serial number of the individual. The inspectors shall then place the
14 ballot inside the envelope and place the envelope in a separate carrier envelope.

15 **SECTION 93.** 6.97 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 6.97 (2) Whenever any individual who votes by absentee ballot is required to
17 provide ~~identification~~ proof of residence in order to be permitted to vote and does not
18 provide the required ~~identification~~ proof of residence under s. 6.34, the inspectors
19 shall write on the back of the absentee ballot the serial number of the individual
20 corresponding to the number kept at the election on the poll list or other list
21 maintained under s. 6.79 and the notation "s. 6.97". The inspectors shall indicate on
22 the list the fact that the individual is required to provide ~~identification~~ proof of
23 residence but did not do so. The inspectors shall promptly notify the municipal clerk
24 or executive director of the municipal board of election commissioners of the name,
25 address, and serial number of the individual. The inspectors shall then place the

SENATE BILL 612

1 ballot inside an envelope on which the name and serial number of the elector is
2 entered and shall place the envelope in a separate carrier envelope.

3 **SECTION 94.** 7.03 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 7.03 (1) (a) Except as authorized under this paragraph, a reasonable daily
5 compensation shall be paid to each inspector, voting machine custodian, automatic
6 tabulating equipment technician, member of a board of canvassers, messenger, and
7 tabulator who is employed and performing duties under chs. 5 to 12. Daily
8 compensation shall also be provided to officials inspectors and inspector trainees for
9 attendance at training programs conducted by the board and municipal clerks under
10 ~~s. ss. 7.31 and 7.315~~. Alternatively, such election officials and trainees may be paid
11 by the hour at a proportionate rate for each hour actually worked. Any election
12 official or trainee may choose to volunteer his or her services by filing with the
13 municipal clerk of the municipality in which he or she serves a written declination
14 to accept compensation. The volunteer status of the election official or trainee
15 remains effective until the official or trainee files a written revocation with the
16 municipal clerk.

17 **SECTION 95.** 7.08 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 7.08 (1) (c) Prescribe forms required by ss. 6.24 (3) and (4), 6.30 (4), 6.33 (1),
19 6.40 (1) (a), 6.47 (1) (a) 2. and (3), 6.55 (2) ~~and (3), and 6.36 (2) and (3)~~. All such forms
20 shall contain a statement of the penalty applicable to false or fraudulent registration
21 or voting through use of the form. Forms are not required to be furnished by the
22 board.

23 **SECTION 96.** 7.08 (8) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 7.08 (8) (title) ELECTORS VOTING WITHOUT IDENTIFICATION PROOF OF RESIDENCE OR
25 PURSUANT TO COURT ORDER.

✓
INS.
AA6-5

SENATE BILL 612

SECTION 97

1 **SECTION 97.** 7.08 (9) of the statutes is created to read:

2 7.08 (9) LISTS OF OUT-OF-STATE LICENSE HOLDERS. Withhold from inspection or
3 copying under s. 19.35 (1) the lists of license holders received from municipal clerks
4 under s. 7.15 (1) (L).

5 **SECTION 98.** 7.10 (1) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

6 7.10 (1) (d) The county clerk may receive and store any unused ballots after an
7 election upon request of any municipal clerk of a municipality within the county, and
8 may destroy such ballots pursuant to s. 7.23 (1) (am).

9 **SECTION 99.** 7.10 (9) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 7.10 (9) TRAINING OF ELECTION OFFICIALS. Each county clerk shall assist the
11 board in the training of election officials under ss. s. 5.05 (7) and 7.31.

12 **SECTION 100.** 7.15 (1) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 7.15 (1) (e) ~~In coordination with the board, instruct~~ Train election officials in
14 their duties, calling them together whenever advisable, advise them of changes in
15 laws, rules and procedures affecting the performance of their duties, and administer
16 examinations as authorized under s. 7.30 (2) (c). The training shall conform with the
17 requirements prescribed in rules promulgated by the board under ss. 7.31 and 7.315.
18 The clerk shall assure that officials who serve at polling places where an electronic
19 voting system is used are familiar with the system and competent to instruct electors
20 in its proper use. The clerk shall inspect systematically and thoroughly the conduct
21 of elections in the municipality so that elections are honestly, efficiently and
22 uniformly conducted.

23 **SECTION 101.** 7.15 (1) (L) of the statutes is created to read:

24 7.15 (1) (L) Compile and, no later than 7 days after each general election,
25 transmit to the board the lists of electors registering to vote under ss. 6.29 (2) (a), 6.55

INSERT AAG-6

SENATE BILL 612

SECTION 101

1 (2) (b) and (c) 1. and 6.86 (3) (a) 2. who presented valid drivers' licenses issued by
2 other states. The clerk shall withhold access to the lists from inspection or copying
3 under s. 19.35 (1).

4 **SECTION 102.** 7.15 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:

5 7.15 (1m) ATTEND TRAINING. Each municipal clerk shall, at least once every 2
6 years, attend ~~training~~ sponsored by the board under ss. 7.31 and 7.315. INS. SA1-3 ✓

7 **SECTION 103.** 7.15 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

8 7.15 (2m) OPERATION OF ALTERNATE ABSENTEE BALLOT SITE. In a municipality in
9 which the governing body has elected to establish an alternate absentee ballot site
10 under s. 6.855, the municipal clerk shall operate such site as though it were his or
11 her office for absentee ballot purposes and shall ensure that such site is adequately
12 staffed.

13 **SECTION 104.** 7.15 (11) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 7.15 (11) TRAINING OF ELECTION OFFICIALS. Each municipal clerk shall assist the
15 board in the training of train election officials under ss. ~~5.05 (7)~~ and ss. 7.31 and
16 7.315.

17 **SECTION 105.** 7.23 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 7.23 (1) (a) Any Except as provided in par. (am), unused materials after an
19 election and the contents of the blank ballot box after a primary may be destroyed
20 at a time and in a manner designated by the appropriate clerk.

21 **SECTION 106.** 7.23 (1) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

22 7.23 (1) (am) Unused ballots may be discarded or destroyed no earlier than the
23 day after the latest day for the filing of a petition for a recount under s. 9.01 for any
24 office on the ballots.

SENATE BILL 612**SECTION 107**

1 **SECTION 107.** 7.30 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 7.30 (1) (a) and amended
2 to read:

3 7.30 (1) (a) There Except as authorized under par. (b), there shall be 7
4 inspectors for each polling place at each election. In Except as authorized in par. (b),
5 in municipalities where voting machines are used, the municipal governing body
6 may reduce the number of inspectors to 5. A municipal governing body may provide
7 for the appointment of additional inspectors whenever more than one voting
8 machine is used or wards are combined under s. 5.15 (6) (b). A municipal governing
9 body may provide by ordinance for the selection of alternate officials or the selection
10 of 2 or more sets of officials to work at different times on election day, and may permit
11 the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners to establish different working
12 hours for different officials assigned to the same polling place. Alternate officials
13 shall also be appointed in a number sufficient to maintain adequate staffing of
14 polling places. Unless Except for inspectors who are appointed under par. (b) and
15 officials who are are appointed without regard to party affiliation under sub. (4) (c),
16 additional officials shall be appointed in such a manner that the total number of
17 officials is an odd number and the predominant party under sub. (2) is represented
18 by one more official than the other party.

19 **SECTION 108.** 7.30 (1) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

20 7.30 (1) (b) Each municipality may appoint one additional inspector to serve
21 at each polling place without regard to party affiliation who shall serve as a greeter
22 to answer questions and to direct electors to the proper locations for registration and
23 voting and who shall be available to substitute for other election officials who must
24 leave the room during the voting process.

SENATE BILL 612**SECTION 109**

1 **SECTION 109.** 7.30 (2) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act 27,
2 is amended to read:

3 7.30 (2) (a) Only election officials appointed under this section or s. 6.875 may
4 conduct an election. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph and in ~~s.~~ ss. 7.15
5 (1) (k) and 7.52 (1) (b), each election official shall be a qualified elector of the ward
6 or wards, or the election district, for which the polling place is established. A special
7 registration deputy who is appointed under s. 6.55 (6) or an election official who is
8 appointed under this section to fill a vacancy under par. (b) need not be a resident
9 of the ward or wards, or the election district, but shall be a resident of the
10 municipality, except that if a municipal clerk or deputy clerk serves as a registration
11 deputy or is appointed to fill a vacancy under par. (b), the clerk or deputy clerk need
12 not be a resident of the municipality, but shall be a resident of the state. No more
13 than 2 individuals holding the office of clerk or deputy clerk may serve without
14 regard to municipal residency in any municipality at any election. Special
15 registration deputies who are appointed under s. 6.55 (6) may be appointed to serve
16 more than one polling place. All officials appointed under this section shall be able
17 to read and write the English language, be capable, and be of good understanding,
18 and may not be a candidate for any office to be voted for at an election at which they
19 serve. In 1st class cities, they may hold no public office other than notary public.
20 Except as authorized under ~~sub.~~ subs. (1) (b) and (4) (c), all inspectors shall be
21 affiliated with one of the 2 recognized political parties which received the largest
22 number of votes for president, or governor in nonpresidential general election years,
23 in the ward or combination of wards served by the polling place at the last election.
24 The Excluding the inspector who may be appointed under sub. (1) (b), the party
25 which received the largest number of votes is entitled to one more inspector than the

SENATE BILL 612

SECTION 109

1 party receiving the next largest number of votes at each polling place. The same
2 election Election officials appointed under this section may serve the electors of more
3 than one ward where wards are combined under s. 5.15 (6) (b). If a municipality is
4 not divided into wards, the ward requirements in this paragraph apply to the
5 municipality at large.

6 **SECTION 110.** 7.30 (2) (am) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 7.30 (2) (am) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, a pupil who is
8 16 or 17 years of age, and who is enrolled in grades 9 to 12 in a public or private school,
9 ~~and who has at least a 3.0 grade point average or the equivalent~~ may serve as an
10 inspector at the polling place serving the pupil's residence, with the approval of the
11 pupil's parent or guardian ~~and of the principal of the school in which the pupil is~~
12 ~~enrolled. A school board or governing body of a private school may establish criteria~~
13 ~~for participation by a pupil as an inspector.~~ A pupil may serve as an inspector at a
14 polling place under this paragraph only if at least one election official at the polling
15 place other than the chief inspector is a qualified elector of this state. No pupil may
16 serve as chief inspector at a polling place under this paragraph. Before appointment
17 by any municipality of a pupil as an inspector under this paragraph, the municipal
18 clerk shall obtain written authorization from the pupil's parent or guardian and from
19 the principal of the school where the pupil is enrolled ~~for the pupil to serve for the~~
20 ~~entire term election for which he or she is appointed.~~ Upon appointment of a pupil
21 to serve as an inspector, the municipal clerk shall notify the principal of the school
22 where the pupil is enrolled of the ~~date of expiration of the pupil's term of office~~ name
23 of the pupil and the date of the election at which the pupil has been appointed to
24 serve.

INS.
AA4

SENATE BILL 612**SECTION 111**

1 **SECTION 111.** 7.30 (2) (b) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act 27,
2 is amended to read:

3 7.30 (2) (b) When a vacancy occurs in an office under this section, the vacancy
4 shall be filled by appointment of the municipal clerk. ~~The~~ Unless the vacancy occurs
5 in the position of an inspector appointed under sub. (1) (b), the vacancy shall be filled
6 from the remaining names on the lists submitted under sub. (4) or from additional
7 names submitted by the chairperson of the county party committee of the
8 appropriate party under sub. (4) whenever names are submitted under sub. (4) (d).
9 If the vacancy is due to candidacy, sickness or any other temporary cause, the
10 appointment shall be a temporary appointment and effective only for the election at
11 which the temporary vacancy occurs. The same qualifications that applied to
12 original appointees shall be required of persons who fill vacancies except that a
13 vacancy may be filled in cases of emergency or because of time limitations by a person
14 who resides in another aldermanic district or ward within the municipality, and if
15 a municipal clerk or deputy clerk fills the vacancy, the clerk or deputy, but not more
16 than a total of 2 individuals in any municipality, may serve without regard to the
17 clerk's or deputy's municipality of residence, if the clerk or deputy meets the other
18 qualifications.

19 **SECTION 112.** 7.30 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 7.30 (2) (c) The governing body of any municipality may require all persons
21 serving as election officials to prove their ability to read and write English and to
22 have a general knowledge of the election laws. Examinations may be given to prove
23 the qualifications can be met. The municipal clerk shall ensure that all training
24 meets the training requirements prescribed in rules promulgated by the board under
25 ss. 7.31 and 7.315.